



**General Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Time: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm**

**Minutes**

**4/27/2023**

**In attendance:**

Ali Moradmand, Ariel Setniker, Christine Isakson, Colin Dewey, Elizabeth McNie, Kitty Luce, Margaret Ward, Matthew Fairbanks, Mike Holden, Nick Lewis, Nipoli Kamdar, Ryan Wade, Sarah Senk, Taiyo Inoue, Tamara Burbach, Wil Tsai, and guests.

Absent: David Satterwhite, Mike Strange, and Ryan Storz.

**1. Call to Order**

- Chair McNie called the meeting to order at 11:05am after quorum was achieved.
- *Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Senk, seconded by Senator Isakson. Agenda approved by unanimous consent.*

**2. Senate Chair McNie’s Report**

- The future school structure taskforce sent out a survey yesterday. Please fill it out. It provides various options to consider for the structure of Academic Affairs (AA). Some responses have been received, but we would like many more.
- Chair McNie just sent around the Commercial Cruise Selection Policy draft. Trying to get this AA policy approved so that students starting next fall will be governed by it. The interim director of career services approves of it. Please review and give feedback by 5/2. She understands that’s a heavy lift at this time of year, but it’s important for the Senate to be heard on this policy.
- Chair McNie turned things over to Karyn Cornell (President’s Chief of Staff) who is talking about the conversation records between the LA Times and the University. Karyn says they’re working to collate all the communications and then it will be shared with the Chair and Vice Chair of Senate. The review is needed to be sure we’re not accidentally sharing confidential information, so that’s the reason for the delay.
- Chair McNie introduced Lennon Prothro-Jones, new Dean of Students. Lennon introduced himself and said that he desires collaboration and dialogue with faculty. We all hear from students about campus issues, and he wants to be sure we’re speaking with each other about these important issues so that we’re all aware. He said there will be Summer Summits in which information will be shared, dialogue will ensue, feedback will be given and accepted, etc. He’s looking to note things that we need to address before August rather than waiting to address them during the

41 academic year. If folks are around, there will be a Zoom link, and he is happy to field written  
42 feedback by email so that it's incorporated in the conversations.

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- 44 - Jase Teoh (Senior Director of Academic Technology) spoke about Academic Technology's  
45 summer 2023 refresh plan. There's a detailed spreadsheet of the planned changes, which can be  
46 found on the Academic Technology website. She noted that all white boards will be maintained.  
47 There will be at least one new screen in each classroom space as well as a document camera. There  
48 will essentially one standard set of equipment for each classroom with some variations. Also noted  
49 that the tech in the ship classrooms has been refreshed - new projectors, faster computer boot ups,  
50 etc.
  - 51 - Steve Runyon asked where the money for this technology refresh came from. Jase Teoh said that  
52 the Foundation is covering the vast majority, but costs have gone up, so either cost-cutting or more  
53 funding will be sought.
  - 54 - Senator Dewey voiced his distaste for smartboards. Some discussion ensued, which clarified that  
55 the white boards would still be available and the new touchscreen interfaces are much improved  
56 over the Smartboards currently residing in some classrooms.
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### 59 **3. Vice Chair Senk's Report**

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  - 61 - Vice Chair Senk noted that the election for the RTP Committee will be soon. Many people have  
62 struck their names from the ballot, so there will be just a few candidates.
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  - 67 - Provost Schroeder ceded her time for today.
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### 70 **5. Appointment of Interim President Resolution (Second Reading)**

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  - 72 - Vice Chair Senk shared the resolution on the screen. She noted that amendments can be made  
73 and voted on.
  - 74 - *Secretary Fairbanks motioned to strike "surprise?" (a typo). Carried by unanimous consent.*
  - 75 - *Motion to strike the Whereas about the President's excellent service record. Carried by*  
76 *unanimous consent.*
  - 77 - These were followed by a series of minor edits.
  - 78 - Secretary Fairbanks justified the first Resolved. We made it about process, and the edit is asking  
79 for something specific (including stakeholders in the process).
  - 80 - Steve Runyon commented that we should be looking at the permanent President selection  
81 process as well. Seems like we might be back here after that process thinking similar things.
  - 82 - Vice Chair Senk mentioned Senator Strange's proposal for adding a Resolved to say that the  
83 Chancellor's Office should select someone else and/or shorten the time during which the interim  
84 President is here. *She proposed the amendment on behalf of the ET faculty. The Senate elected*  
85 *not to support the addition of this amendment.*
  - 86 - *Senator Kamdar motioned to approve the resolution as amended. Secretary Fairbanks*  
87 *seconded. The motion carries unanimously.*
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## 6. Resolution on Watchstanding (Second Reading)

- Vice Chair Senk shared the draft resolution on her screen.
- *Senator Kamdar proposed an amendment that clarifies the first Resolved and asserts faculty purview over watchstanding now. Senator Tsai seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.*
- Some edits were made for clarity.
- *Senator Dewey motioned to strike “watches” from the non-license professional development opportunities. Senator Kamdar seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.*
- *A Resolved was proposed to wholly replace the second to last Resolved concerning the faculty working group. After considerable debate about the relative merits of each, this Resolved was not adopted (no second to the motion).*
- A new Resolved on providing financial resources to support these professional development activities was proposed.
- *After probably too much debate, there was a vote on an amendment to strike “implementation” from the proposed Resolved which did not carry (3 for, 4 against, 8 abstaining).*
- More discussion of the proposed Resolved. It was agreed that some possible watch activities may require fiscal resources to run and/or considerable faculty time. The point was made that developing the activities is akin to course development, which is typically viewed as a routine faculty duty. *The edited Resolved was adopted unanimously.*
- *After a further statement by Senator Kamdar regarding ensuring proper training for Corps officers, there was a motion to call the question by Senator Dewey. The vote was unanimous.*
- *Vice Chair Senk motioned to approve the resolution as edited. Senator Tsai seconded. The motion carries unanimously.*

## 7. Resolution on Cal Maritime’s Existential Crisis (Second Reading)

- Cancelled because of time constraints. The resolution was tabled.

## 8. Open Floor

- Senator Tsai motioned to adjourn. Secretary Fairbanks seconded. Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

## 9. Meeting Adjourned [~12:20 pm]